

#### REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application.

Claims 3 and 4 were rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 2 and 9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,682,457. Without acceding to the rejection, Applicants are filing a Terminal Disclaimer herewith, thereby obviating the rejection.

Claim 3 was additionally rejected under the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, specifically in relation to the limitation that the traction oil ejected from the nozzle holes is sprayed only onto the discs. In this regard, the Examiner has invited Applicants to identify support for this limitation in the disclosure.

In response to the Examiner's invitation, attention is respectfully directed to, e.g., page 22, lines 22 et seq., which state that "the traction oil injected from the nozzle holes 47 is sprayed onto the band-shaped zones... of the input and output side discs 2, 4." Similarly, at page 24, lines 17 et seq., it is stated that "the traction oil injected from the nozzle holes 47a is sprayed onto the band-shaped zones... of input and output side discs 2, 4." Given that there is no intervening structure between the nozzle holes and the disc surfaces, it is apparent that the

traction oil is sprayed only onto the discs. Thus, one of ordinary skill in the art would readily have recognized that Applicants' were in possession of the claim feature in question at the time the present application was filed.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112 rejection are respectfully requested.

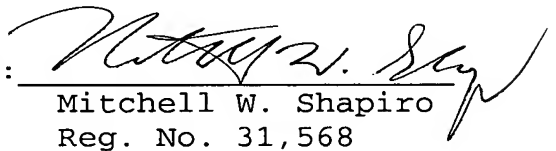
In view of the present submissions, Claims 3 and 4 are now in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully urged that this application be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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